

# SENATE JOURNAL.

(FIRST CALLED SESSION.)

## FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1897.

In obedience to the proclamation of his Excellency, Charles A. Culberson, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Twenty-fifth Legislature in special session, this the 22d day of May, 1897, the Senate met and was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Jester.

Roll called, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Kerr.
Beall.	Lewis.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Woods.

### Absent.

Bailey.	Neal.
Boren.	Ross.
Bowser.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson, as follows:

Almighty God: At the beginning of this called session of the Legislature, help us to assemble properly. May it be a new session indeed. Blot from our memories the measures pending and considerations thereon of the session just closed. Inspire in us new thought, new purpose, new hope and new contemplation. Invigorate our bodies and refresh our minds for the duties before us. Oh, God, give us charity, and beget in us a kind, tender consideration for each other. Amid the discussions that may arise, help us to be calm, wise, considerate, fair and gentlemanly. Forgive our sins as a people, and as individuals. Strength-

en all good purposes and lofty endeavor in us. We ask for Christ's sake.

No quorum appearing, Senator Colquitt moved that the Senate adjourn to 10 a. m., Monday.

Lost.

Senator Atlee moved that the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 10 a. m., May 26th.

The Senate then adjourned to 10 a. m., Monday, May 24.

## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

Executive Office,  
Austin, May 21st, 1897.

To whom it may concern:

Whereas, the Twenty-fifth Legislature has adjourned without making an appropriation to pay existing debts; and

Whereas, said Legislature has failed to make appropriations for the support of the State government for the next two years and for other needful purposes within the revenue to be collected for that period; and

Whereas, said Legislature has failed to enact other important legislation demanded by the people:

Now, therefore, I, Charles A. Culberson, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution thereof, do hereby call a special session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, to be convened in the city of Austin, beginning at noon, Saturday, May 22nd, 1897, for the following purposes:

1. To make appropriations for deficiencies.

2. To make appropriations for the support of the State government for the two years beginning March 1, 1897, and for other purposes as is usual in general appropriation bills, and to reduce expenses.

3. To fix and regulate the fees and compensation of district attorneys and all county and precinct officers.

4. To amend the present law on the

subject of fellow-servants or abrogate the doctrine of fellow-servants in this State.

5. To consider and act upon such other matters as may be presented pursuant to section 40, article 3, of the Constitution.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of State to be affixed, this the 21st day of May, A. D. 1897.

C. A. CULBERSON,

[Seal.] Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

J. W. Madden, Secretary of State.

## SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, May 24, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President pro tem. J. R. Gough.

Roll called.

No quorum.

On motion of Senator Ross, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

## THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, May 25, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President pro tem. J. R. Gough.

Roll called.

No quorum.

On motion of Senator Ross, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

## FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Tex., Wednesday, May 26.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Ross.
Burns.	Terrell.
Gough.	Wayland.
Greer.	Woods.

## Absent.

Boren.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Morris.	Yantis.
Neal.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson, as follows:

Almighty God: After these days of absence, rest, recreation and home-going, we are again at our places in this chamber as servants of the people. Bless our coming together. May this special session be productive of great good to the State. To this end give us suitable qualifications in body, mind and soul. Give us unity of purpose and unity of action. Our Father, forgive our sins, correct our natures, strengthen us in the hour of temptation, and lead us safely and wisely. For Christ's sake. Amen.

On motion of Senator Greer, the Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to wire the absentees to return.

On motion of Senator Kerr, the Senate adjourned to 3 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Ross.
Burns.	Terrell.
Gough.	Wayland.
Greer.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yett.

## Absent.

Bailey.	Neal.
Boren.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Morris.	

On motion of Senator Gough, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-mor-